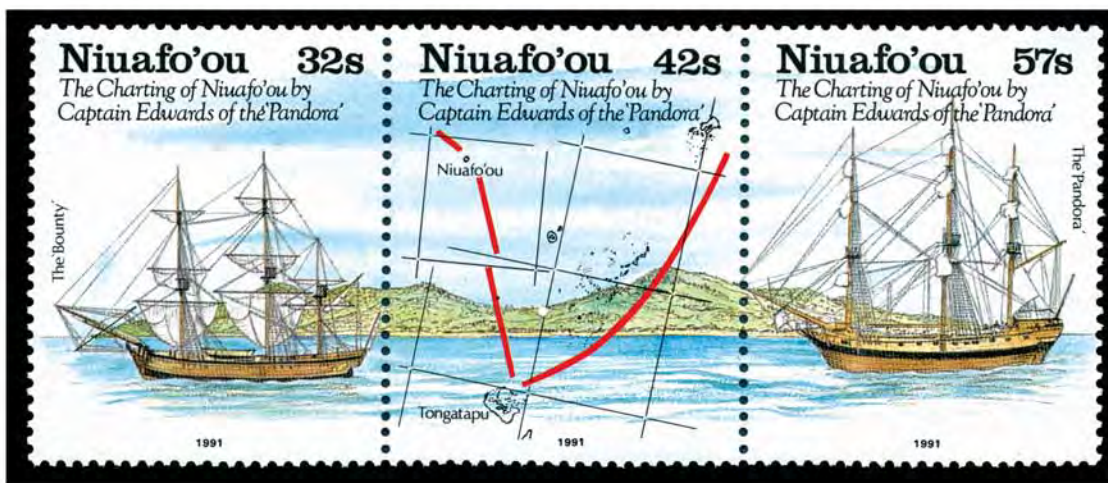


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TONGA TIN CAN ISLAND

Niuafo'ou, meaning new coconuts, is the most northerly island in the kingdom of Tonga located in the southern Pacific Ocean. Tin Can Island originated when the mail was delivered and picked up by swimmers who would retrieve packages sealed in a tin and thrown overboard from a passing ship.





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1983-84



Scott 19



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Scott 22



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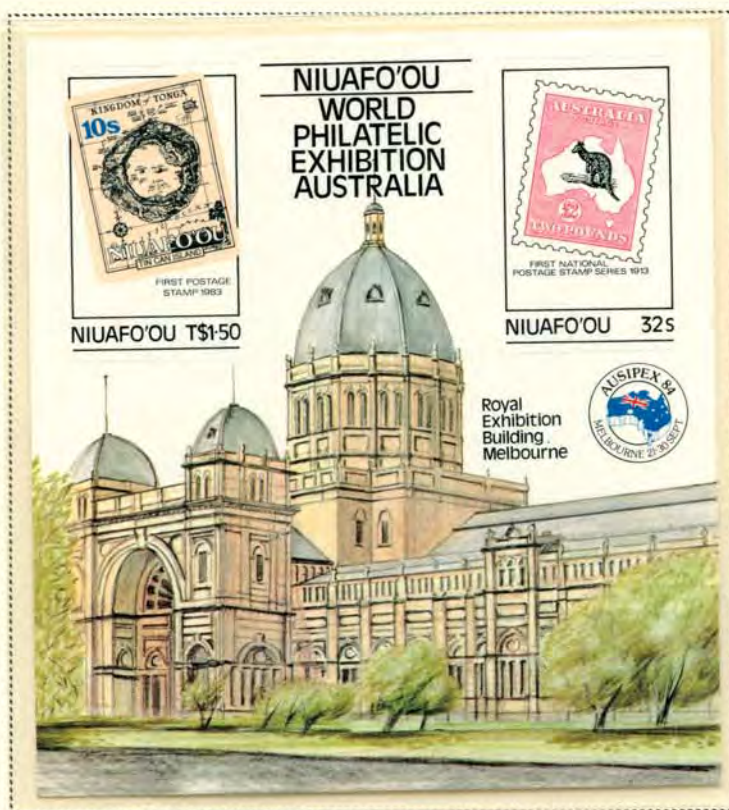
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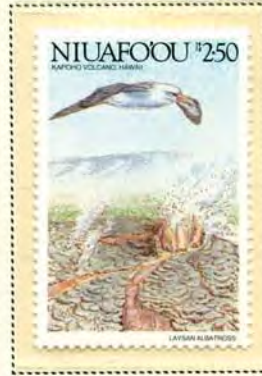
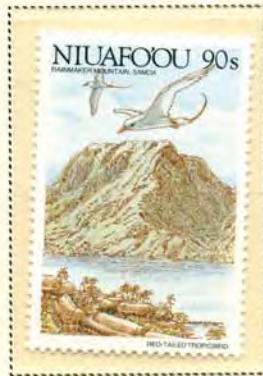
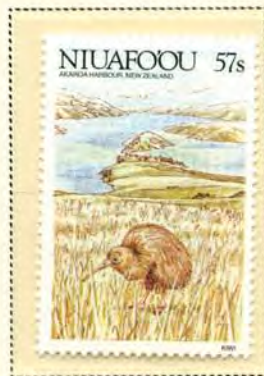
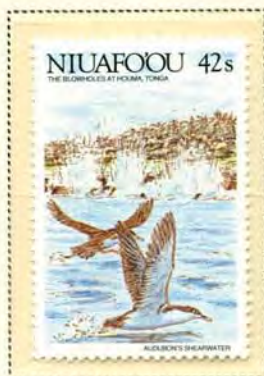
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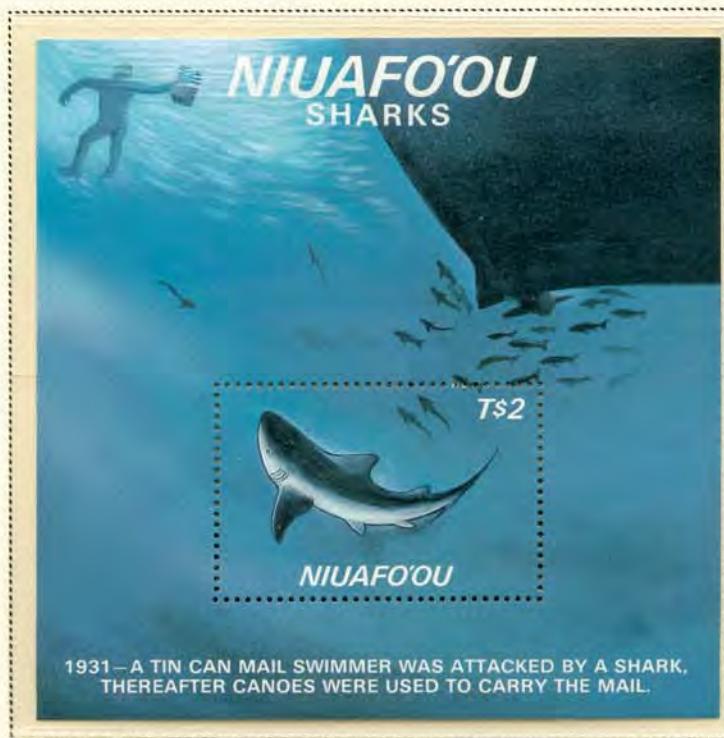
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1987-88



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1989-91

Illustration like Scott 105
Hatchet fish
32 S
MULTICOLORED
Scott 104



Scott 105



Scott 106



Scott 107

Illustration like Scott 126
Penny Black
42 S
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Scott 125



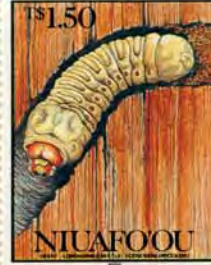
Scott 126



Scott 127



Scott 128



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1989-93

Illustration
Like Scott 109
Formation of the crust

1 S
MULTICOLORED

Scott 108



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Scott 109



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Scott 110



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Scott 111



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Scott 112



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Scott 113



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Scott 116



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Scott 117



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1990-95

Illustration like Scott 175

Whale surfacing

15 S

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Scott 129



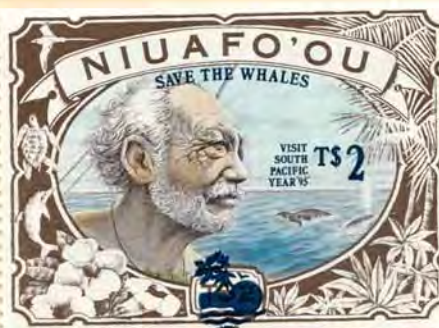
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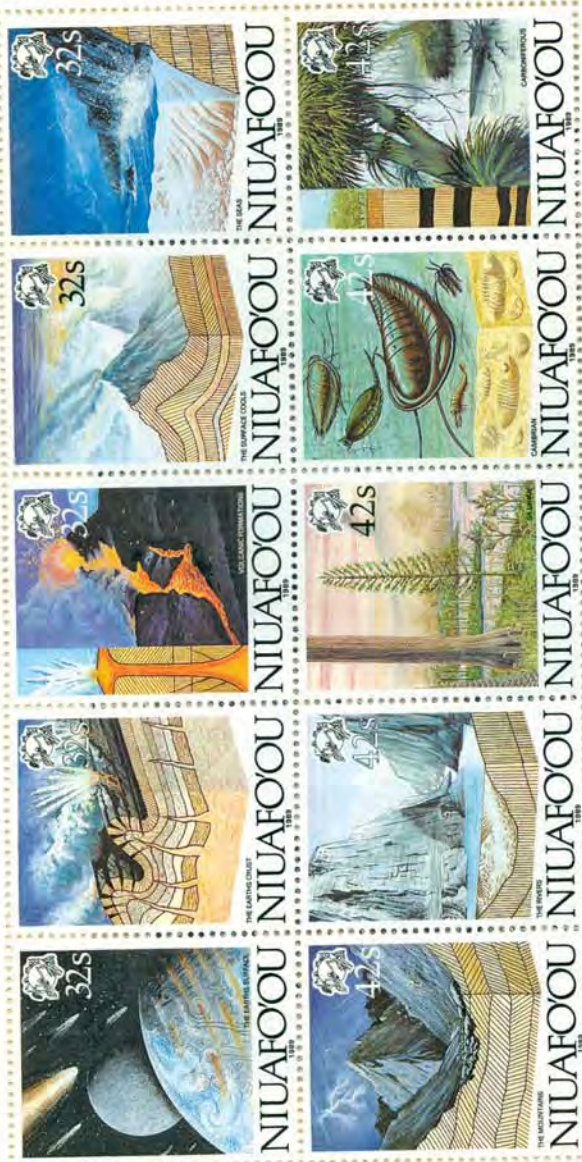
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1990

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Tin Can Island

1991



On a remote Polynesian island - there once lived a very beautiful young girl. She lived with her parents beside the fresh water lake. Every morning the girl, whose name was Heina, used to bathe in the lake. Unbeknown to her she was watched by a fresh water eel as she swam and splashed in the cool water.

The eel fell in love with her and one day the eel approached Heina expressing his love. Eventually the girl agreed to marry him but when her parents found out they were very angry. The father determined that his only daughter should never see the eel again, laid wait for the water creature and snatched him.

The parents in order to put a stop to this unlikely romance decided to kill the eel but before he died he was able to see the girl once more.

The eel begged the girl to ask her parents to allow her to have the eel's head and to bury it outside her house. This was done. Each day Heina sat where the head was buried and her tears fell on that spot.

After a few weeks a green shoot peeped through the wet, sodden soil. It was at this time that Heina realised the eel was pregnant by the eel. As the plant grew so did the child within her. The child that Heina bore was a son and the plant grew taller and became the first Coconut Palm. As the boy grew he learned to climb the Coconut tree. He became expert at climbing the tree and bringing down the nuts from the very top. Heina knew instinctively that this strange tree would be of use to her people. She learnt to de-husk the coconuts and found that every part of the tree was of great value in daily life. The fronds would make a roof or a basket to carry food. The trunk made the poles for houses or wood for the fires. In fact the tree had uses in every way.

THE ORIGIN OF THE COCONUT TREE
A Love Story...

As a reminder of this love story the eel's face can be seen on every nut in the form of those dark patches - two for the eyes and one for the mouth. It is only from the mouth that the goodness comes, for this is the only place that you can make a hole to reach the milk.

SHEET VALUE '155.07

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Tin Can Island

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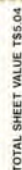
The 500th Anniversary of the Voyage of Discovery by
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



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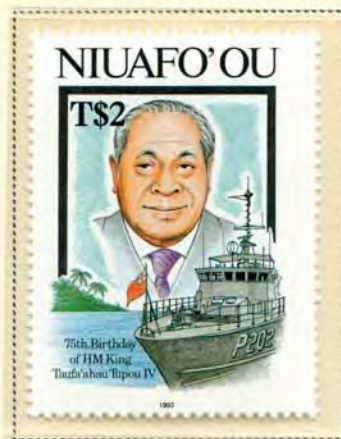
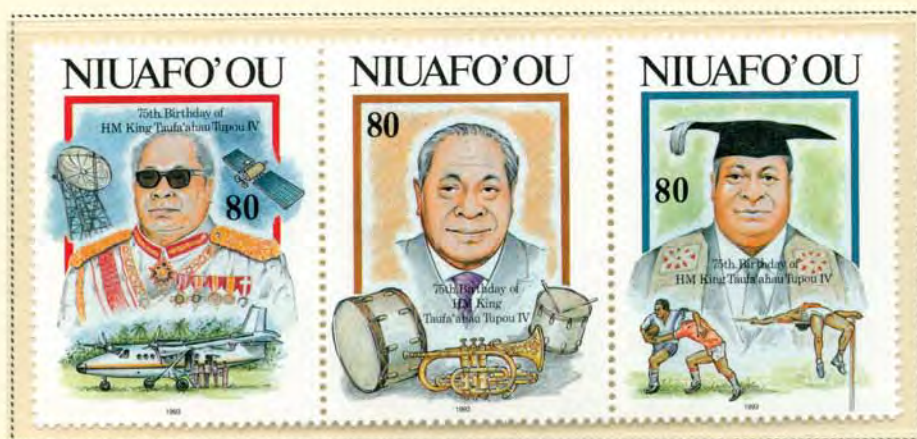
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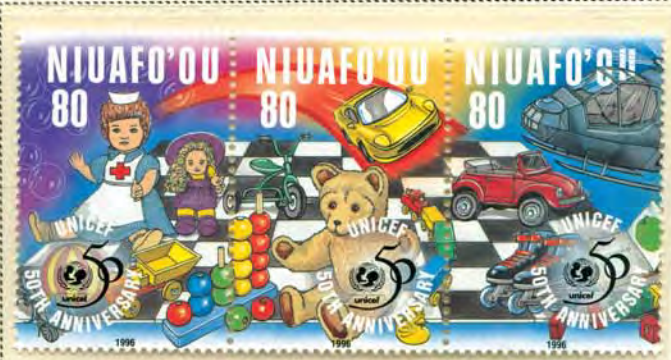
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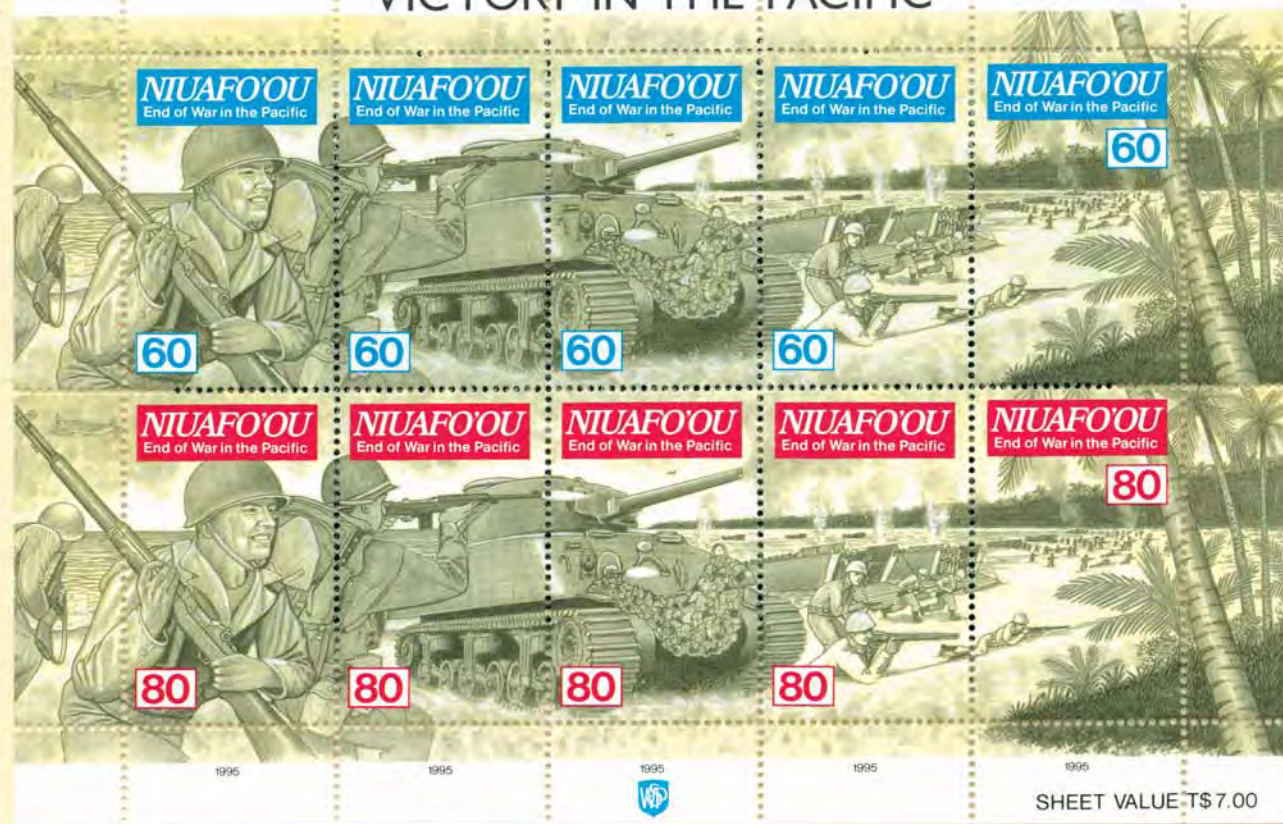
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1995

50th ANNIVERSARY 1945-1995

'VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC'



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Tin Can Island

1996



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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EVACUATION OF NIUAFO'OU



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"We were visited by some terrible earthquakes; some lasted forty minutes. The island was rocking for nine days with terrible force. It actually cracked to pieces with a long trench some two to four feet wide; the ground rose up and sank; we took to the hills some 500 feet above the sea. On the 9th of September the ground lifted some 25 to 30 feet in places, the earth opened and liquid lava poured out destroying three fourths of the township of Agaha. In less than five minutes the trees were swept away; my home was gone. It was terrible. We could get no help as we were 400 miles from Tonga. Our radio was gone. We did have food and water and were fairly safe in the hills". (Quensell's statement prior to evacuation).



W. Quensell

1877 - 1956

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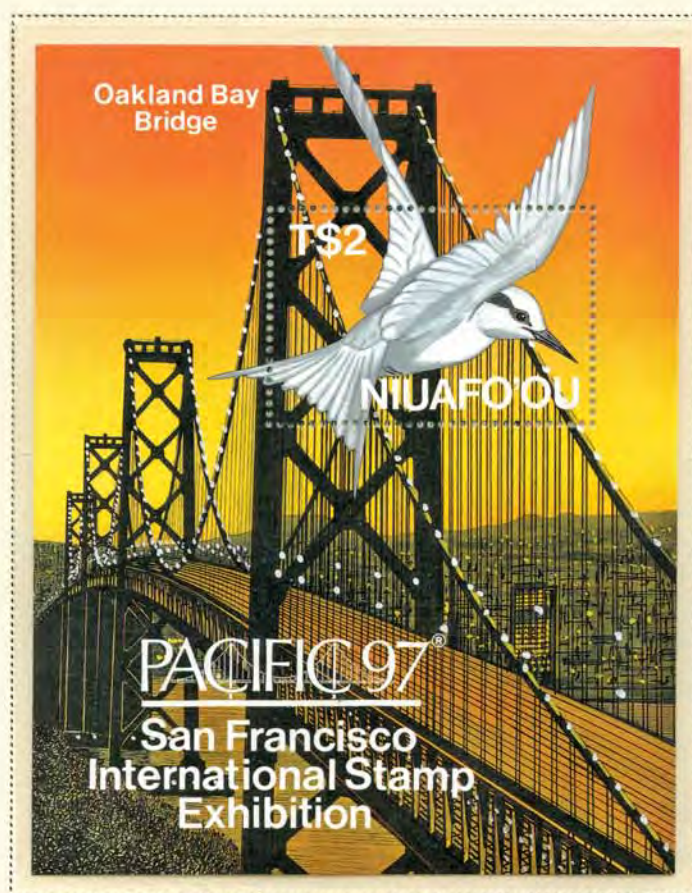
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DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES
1 July 1961 - 31 August 1997



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NIUAFO'OU 10



Blue Crowned Lorikeet
Vini australis



NIUAFO'OU 55



Blue Crowned Lorikeet
Vini australis



NIUAFO'OU 80



Blue Crowned Lorikeet
Vini australis



NIUAFO'OU \$3.00



Blue Crowned Lorikeet
Vini australis



NIUAFO'OU \$3.00



Blue Crowned Lorikeet
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Blue Crowned Lorikeet
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NIUAFO'OU 10



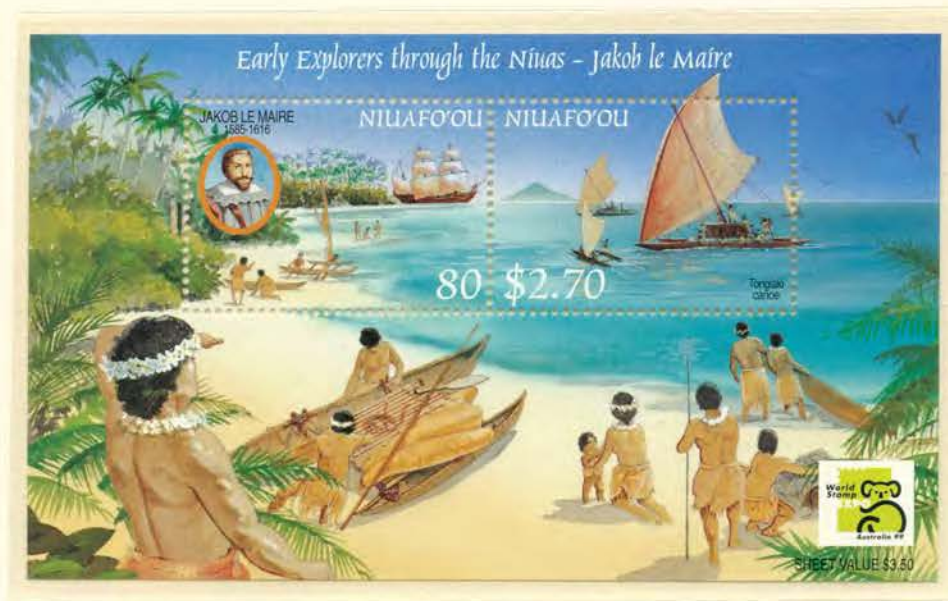
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Tin Can Island

1999



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